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389CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. _____TOPIC 1. Soviet Troops in Meissen2. Evacuation of Soviet Dependents

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1. Soviet officers and MI of various ranks and branches of service were engaged in the loading of baggage and household equipment at the Meissen passenger and freight station (N 52/F 09) on 29 December 1949.*

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2. Meissen residents said that trains with Soviet dependents had been dispatched to the Soviet Union between 29 and 31 December 1949.*

The dependents came from Meissen, Dresden (N 52/F 29) and other towns.

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3. The artillerie Kaserne at 101 Reichsstrasse, Meissen, was occupied by about 2,000 troops of tank, motorcycle and infantry units on 4 January 1950. The troops included recruits ranging from 17 to 20 years of age.** Motorcycles with and without sidecars were observed. Ruts made by tank tracks were seen.

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- * Reports on the evacuation of Soviet dependents are being received from all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany. Previous reports indicate that Meissen is a collecting point for dependents going to the Soviet Union.

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It is possible that trains carrying Soviet dependents also carried troops going to the Soviet Union for demobilization.

** The 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div has been determined to be stationed in Meissen.

In addition, the ? No Mtl Bn of the 9th Tank Div seems to be stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne, Meissen. The battalion had been assumed to be in Zeithain from a report of July 1947.

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